

Accordingly, the scope of the present disclosure is defined by the appended claims rather than the forgoing description of embodiments.

[0144] When any of the appended claims are read to cover a purely software and/or firmware implementation, at least one of the elements in at least one example is hereby expressly defined to include a tangible medium such as a memory, DVD, CD, Blu-ray, and so on, storing the software and/or firmware.

1. A first playback device of a media playback system comprising:

at least one processor;

a non-transitory computer-readable medium; and

program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that are executable by the at least one processor such that the first playback device is configured to:

(a) while associated with a first playback queue that is designated as an active playback queue of the first playback device, receive a first request to enter into a playback group with at least a second playback device and a third playback device, wherein the playback group is associated with a second playback queue;

(b) based on receiving the first request to enter into the playback group:

enter into the playback group such that the first playback device is configured to play back audio content from the second playback queue in synchrony with the playback group; and

associate with the second playback queue;

(c) after entering into the playback group and associating with the second playback queue, while maintaining an association with the first playback queue, designate the second playback queue as the active playback queue of the first playback device;

(d) receive a second request to leave the playback group; and

(e) based on receiving the second request to leave the playback group:

leave the playback group, wherein the playback group continues playing back audio content from the second playback queue in synchrony;

maintain the designation of the second playback queue as the active playback queue of the first playback device; and

play back audio content from the second playback queue independently of the playback group's synchronous playback of audio content from the second playback queue.

2. The first playback device of claim 1, wherein the program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that are executable by the at least one processor such that the first playback device is configured to designate the second playback queue as the active playback queue of the first playback device further comprise program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that are executable by the at least one processor such that the first playback device is configured to:

de-designate the first playback queue as the active playback queue.

3. The first playback device of claim 1, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-

readable medium that are executable by the at least one processor such that the first playback device is configured to:

after receiving the second request to leave the playback group:

group:

de-designate the second playback queue as the active queue of the first playback device;

re-designate the first playback queue as the active queue of the first playback device; and

play back audio content from the first playback queue.

4. The first playback device of claim 1, wherein the program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that are executable by the at least one processor such that the first playback device is configured to play back audio content from the second playback queue independently of the playback group's synchronous playback of audio content from the second playback queue further comprise program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that are executable by the at least one processor such that the first playback device is configured to:

play back one or more items of the second playback queue in a different order from playback by the playback group.

5. The first playback device of claim 1, wherein the program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that are executable by the at least one processor such that the first playback device is configured to play back audio content from the second playback queue independently of the playback group's synchronous playback of audio content from the second playback queue further comprise program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that are executable by the at least one processor such that the first playback device is configured to:

modify the second playback queue, wherein the modified playback queue is treated as a new playback queue and is not associated with the playback group;

designate the new playback queue as the active playback queue of the first playback device; and

play back audio content from the new playback queue while the playback group continues playback of audio content from the second playback queue.

6. The first playback device of claim 1, wherein the playback group is a first playback group, and wherein the second request to leave the first playback group further comprises a request to enter into a second playback group with a fourth playback device that is associated with a third playback queue.

7. The first playback device of claim 7, further comprising program instructions stored on the non-transitory computer-readable medium that are executable by the at least one processor such that the first playback device is configured to:

after receiving the second request to leave the first playback group:

enter into the second playback group with the fourth playback device such that the first playback device is configured to play back audio content in synchrony with the fourth playback device;

associate with the third playback queue;

after entering into the second playback group with the fourth playback device and associating with the third playback queue, maintain an association with the first playback queue and the second playback queue; and